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Lake Lucas Offers Kayaks Rentals

The newest outdoor activity to be offered in Asheboro combines a good workout with the chance to get away from it all. Kayaks are now available for rent at Lake Lucas from the City of Asheboro's Cultural & Recreation Services Division.

Division Director Felix Ward said that he's fielded numerous calls over the years from people interested in kayaking in the lake. Kayak owners have been able to bring their boats to the lake, but no boats have been available for rental. Starting Saturday, July 28 visitors to Lake Lucas will be able to rent a kayak complete with paddle and life vest. The fee will be \$6 for daily rental for city residents with a Rec Card and \$10 for non-residents. Canoes are also available for rental for the same fee.



The City has installed a new boat launch to make it easier for beginners to get on and off canoes and kayaks. The ramp is cushioned and has room for boaters to walk around the boat. Boaters will take their seats in the boat while it is still stabilized by the ramp and then simply push themselves off into the water.

"Kayaks are actually more stable than a lot of people think, especially on flat water like we have at the lake," said Ward. "The biggest challenge is typically getting in and out of the boat, but this new ramp system will make that much easier."

"Until you've been out here you have no idea what a gem we have in Lake Lucas," said Mayor David Smith. "These new kayaks are going to help more people enjoy this fantastic facility."

Lake Lucas is currently open to the public every day but Wednesday from 7 a.m. to sunset. Hours will change November 16-February 28. For more information on Lake Lucas, call 626-1240.

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